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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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JANET CRAIN, D.M.D.	:	FINAL CONSENT ORDER
LICENSE NO. 22D14356	:	
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TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN	:	
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("the Board") received complaints from insurance companies against Janet Crain's D.M.D. ("Respondent") alleging improper conduct in the treatment of patients for temporal mandibular joint dysfunction ("TMJ") and craniofacial pain. Janet Crain, D.M.D ("Respondent") works with Ira M. Klemons, D.D.S. at The Center for Head and Facial Pain ("CHFP"), TOR Plaza 35, 2045 Route 35 South, South Amboy, New Jersey. The Center for Sleep Apnea is a division of

CHFP. Respondent Crain bills under her own practice, Craniofacial Associates, P.C. The Board's review focused on Dr. Crain's care and treatment of patients with TMJ and/or craniofacial pain over the period 1995 - 2009.

The Attorney General filed an administrative complaint alleging that Respondent deviated from the standard of care in the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of patients with TMJ dysfunction and/or craniofacial pain. The Attorney General further alleged that Respondent deviated from the standard of care in treating TMJ dysfunction and craniofacial pain. On the basis of these allegations, the Attorney General asserted that Respondent's conduct demonstrated acts contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) dishonesty; N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) gross negligence, gross malpractice, gross incompetence; N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) repeated acts of negligence, malpractice or incompetence; N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) professional or occupational misconduct as may be determined by the Board; and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), specifically N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7, failure to comply with the provisions of any act or regulation administered by the Board.

On March 12, 2014, Respondent filed her Answer in which she denied all allegations alleged in the complaint. The contested matter was transferred to the Office of Administrative Law and assigned to Administrative Law Judge Jesse H. Strauss.

Prior to the hearing, Janet Crain, D.M.D. and the Board entered into a settlement memorialized in this Consent Order. Janet Crain, D.M.D. denies any and all of the allegations of wrong doing alleged in the Complaint. However, Dr. Crain being desirous of resolving this matter without necessity of further formal proceedings before the Board at the time and agreeing to waive any right to same, is entering into this Consent Order.

Respondent, Janet Crain, D.M.D., without making any admissions to the above conduct, but being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings before the Board at the time and agreeing to waive any right to same, is entering into this Consent Order. This Consent Order resolves all issue alleged in the Complaint BDS 05680-2014N.

The Board having determined that the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 27 DAY OF APRIL _____, 2015

ORDERED:

1. Respondent Janet Crain's license to practice dentistry in this State shall be suspended for a period of six months, with the entire period of suspension stayed and served as a period of probation. The stayed suspension shall commence from the date of the filing of this Consent Order.

2. Upon the filing of this Consent Order, Respondent Janet Crain shall cease and desist from the clinical practice of dentistry. She shall be afforded a wind down period of ninety (90) days to provide for orderly transfer of her patients to other dentists.

3. Upon the filing of this Consent Order, Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from prescribing or dispensing any CDS medication reliance upon her New Jersey CDS registration.

4. Respondent shall upon the filing of this Consent Order surrender her federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration and her State Controlled Drug Registration for the State of New Jersey. She shall make prompt arrangements with all agencies for the lawful disposal of all controlled drugs in her possession or under her control and shall arrange for the lawful disposal of all non CDS medication. She shall destroy all prescription blanks and office letterhead bearing her name.

5. Following the wind down period of ninety (90) days, Respondent shall be barred from ownership of any and all dental practices. Respondent shall divest herself of her interest in each business entity including professional corporation, limited liability coverage or limited partnership for which the holding of a license issued by the Board is a prerequisite and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:6-19, shall not manage, own, operate or conduct a dental practice.

6. Respondent shall not seek to return to clinical practice or to own a practice without notification to and express approval of the Board of Dentistry. Before engaging in to dental practice, she shall appear before the Board to discuss her plans for practice and gain the Board's approval.

7. Respondent Janet Crain is assessed costs in the amount of \$20,000 including investigative costs, expert fees and attorney's fees incurred by the State, as provided by N.J.S.A. 45:1-25(d). Said costs shall be submitted by bank check, certified check, wire transfer or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and forwarded to the Board of Dentistry c/o Jonathan Eisenmenger, Executive Director State Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any form of payment other than those specified will be rejected and will be returned to the party making payment.

8. Any payment that is not paid in full within ten (10) days of the entry of this Order shall be included in a Certificate of Debt to be filed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-24.

9. The entry of this Order shall not limit the authority of the Attorney General or of any other person to initiate any further action permitted by law, whether administrative, civil or criminal in any court or other forum of competent jurisdiction in connection with any matters coming within that jurisdiction. Respondent does not waive and reserves any and

all rights and defenses that she may have, in law or in equity with regard to any action or claims that may be brought against her subsequent to this action. Notwithstanding, the Attorney General reserves the right to enforce this Consent Order.

10. Respondent Janet Crain shall fully comply with all applicable provision of the Directives for Disciplined Licensees attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

11. Respondent's failure to abide by these terms shall result in the permanent revocation of her license to practice dentistry.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By:

Shirley Birenz RSM, MS
Shirley Birenz, M.S.
President

I have read the within Order.
I understand the Order and
I agree to be bound by its
terms and conditions.
I hereby consent to the
entry of this Order.

Janet Crain DMD
Janet Crain, D.M.D.

4/27/15
Dated:

We hereby consent to the form
and entry of this order.

Dughi, Hewitt and Domalewski
Attorney for Dr. Crain

By:


Michael Keating, Esq.

Dated:

4/24/15

4/20/15

**DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY DENTISTRY BOARD LICENSEE
WHO IS SUSPENDED, REVOKED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSURE
HAS BEEN ACCEPTED**

A practitioner whose license is suspended or revoked or whose surrender of license has been accepted by the Board, shall conduct him/herself as follows:

1. Document Return and Agency Notification

The licensee shall promptly deliver to the Board office at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, the original license and current biennial registration certificate, and if authorized to prescribe drugs, the current State and Federal Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration. With respect to suspensions of a finite term, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee may contact the Board office for the return of the documents previously surrendered to the Board.

2. Practice Cessation

The licensee shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of dentistry in this State. This prohibition not only bars a licensee from rendering professional services, but also from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application, or representing him/herself as being eligible to practice. Although the licensee need not affirmatively advise patients or others of the revocation, suspension or surrender, the licensee must truthfully disclose his/her licensure status in response to inquiry. The disciplined licensee is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee of this Board provides health care services. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the disciplined licensee may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for or rent at fair market value office premises and/or equipment. In no case may the disciplined licensee authorize, allow or condone the use of his/her provider number by the practice or any other licensee or health care provider. In situations where the licensee has been suspended for less than one year, the licensee may accept payment from another professional who is using his/her office during the period that the licensee is suspended, for the payment of salaries for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended for one (1) year or more or permanently surrendered must remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from all prescription blanks and pads, professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings. If the licensee's name

is utilized in a group practice title, it shall be deleted.

Prescription pads bearing the licensee's name shall be destroyed. A destruction report form shall be obtained from the Office of Drug Control (973-504-6558) and filed with that office. If no other licensee is providing services at the practice location, all medications must be removed and returned to the manufacturer (if possible), or destroyed or safeguarded. In situations where the licensee has been suspended for a period of less than one year, prescription pads and medications must be secured in a locked place for safekeeping.

3. Practice Income Prohibitions/Divestiture of Equity Interest in Professional Service Corporations

A licensee shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him/herself or others while barred from engaging in the professional practice. The licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the Board action.

A licensee whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice, and shall be required to comply with the requirements to divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional practice pursuant to Board regulations contained in N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.21. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days following the entry of the Board Order. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Commercial Reporting Division, demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification.

4. Patient Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that during the three (3) month period following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to patient records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her patient's record or asks that the record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

5. Probation/Monitoring Conditions

A disciplined practitioner whose active suspension of license has been stayed in full or in part, conditioned upon compliance with a probation or monitoring program, shall fully cooperate with the Board or its designated representatives, including the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, in ongoing monitoring of the licensee's status and practice. Such monitoring shall be at the expense of the disciplined practitioner.

(a.) Monitoring of practice conditions may include, but is not limited to, inspection of professional premises and equipment, and inspection and copying of patient records (confidentiality of patient identity shall be protected by the Board) to verify compliance with Board Order and accepted standards of practice.

(b.) Monitoring of status conditions for an impaired practitioner may include, but is not limited to, practitioner cooperation in providing releases permitting unrestricted access to records and other information to the extent permitted by law from any treatment facility, other treating practitioner, support group or other individual or facility involved in the education, treatment, monitoring or oversight of the practitioner, or maintained by the rehabilitation program for impaired practitioners. If bodily substance monitoring has been ordered, the practitioner shall fully cooperate by responding to a demand for breath, blood, urine or other sample in a timely manner and by providing the designated sample.

6. Reports of Reimbursement

A disciplined practitioner shall promptly report to the Board his/her compliance with each directive requiring monies to be reimbursed to patients to other parties or third party payors or to any Court.

7. Report of Changes of Address

A disciplined practitioner shall notify the Board office in writing within ten (10) days of change of address.

NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD
REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record thereof, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection upon request.

Pursuant to Public Law 101-191, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank any adverse action relating to a dentist:

- (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license; or
- (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation, or restricts the right to apply or renew a license; or
- (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

In accordance with an agreement with the American Association of Dental Examiners, a report of all disciplinary orders is provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order may appear on the public agenda for the monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board. In addition, the same description may appear on the Internet Website of the Division of Consumer Affairs.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.